

ence.” The conference, held during the Detroit Public Schools winter break, provided activities, entertainment and self-improvement workshops for resident youth.

- * DHC’s “Midnight Basketball Program” opened its first season during the summer. The winning teams participated in a national public housing basketball tournament held in Washington, D.C.

- * Thirty-nine teenaged public housing residents participated in a “Black College Tour.” The students visited

Fisk University in Nashville, Coppin State and Morgan State in Baltimore, Hampton University in Hampton, VA and Atlanta University Center including Clark Atlanta University, Spelman, Morehouse and Morris Brown College. Tiffany Richardson, from Sojourner Truth, was accepted at Clark Atlanta University after visiting the school during the “Black College Tour.”

- * The “Computer Learning Center” was renovated at Jeffries Homes.

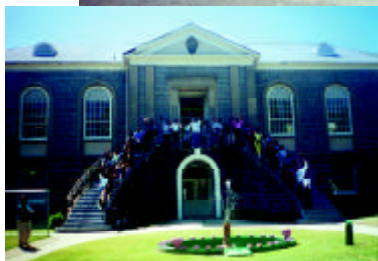
- * Twenty-three youngsters participated in a Girl Scout summer camp. Participants worked four days a week with the Girl Scouts and one day a week with DHC staff. The program sought to enhance participants’ team building and group leadership skills. The Girl Scouts trained the campers to provide drug and alcohol prevention information to their peers.

- * DHC organized a city-wide Resident Advisory Board (RAB) which is composed of Resident Council Presidents or their designees.

- * A partnership with St. John’s Detroit Riverview Hospital provided services for seniors at Sheridan I and II, including reduced-priced meals and health education workshops.

- * Residents formed their own resident-owned businesses by establishing a landscaping company, VSJ Landscaping; a painting firm, M and B Paint Company; and a lead abatement company, No Lead Enterprises.

- * DHC entered into an \$86,190 contract with VSJ Landscaping for snow removal services.
- * Sixteen public housing residents graduated from the Detroit Manufacturer’s Training Center. The residents were placed in jobs with Bing Steel.



(Above and Left), Participants in the Black College Tour (Below) Self Improvement Workshops are a regular practice for Youth Resident Council Activities.



- * Walgreen's developed an employment training program for public housing residents. The company installed a computer and two cash registers at the JobNet office located at Jeffries Homes in order to provide on-site training.
- * Residents were placed in an American Red Cross Child Care and Nurse Assistant training program. Graduates of the nurse assistant training program were able to take the "Michigan Nurse Assistant/Aide Competency Evaluation" and to obtain state certification.

Resident Services

- * A Resident Info Line was established in order to improve communications with residents.
- * DHC's Home Ownership Program developed a Home Ownership Family Self-Sufficiency Advisory Board in order to provide information to residents who seek to increase their income so that they may purchase their own home.
- * Metro Matrix Human Services continued to provide Head Start classes to residents at John W. Smith Homes.
- * A Food and Friendship Program served meals and organized activities for seniors at Woodbridge Farms Senior Village.
- * Staff distributed Census information to residents.
- * In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Commission initiated a Gun BuyBack Program which resulted in the purchase of 570 guns.
- * A summer lunch program at four



(Above), Lois Williams' daughter accepts Volunteer Recognition Award from City's Human Services Department on her mother's behalf, (Right) Volunteer Award nominee and DHC Commissioner Betty Scott, (Below, Left), Blaydes Family, (Below Right) Clean Sweep participants

